

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* *PLANTING ROW CROPS, HARVESTING HAY, AND WORKING CATTLE*

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RELEASED: May 24,1999 3:00 p.m.— Temperatures for the week were normal with numerous thunderstorms warnings issued and some reports of wind and hail damage according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 5.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included planting of row crops, harvesting hay, flushing rice fields, fertilizing corn, and pasture.

CROPS: Planting of rice, cotton, soybeans, corn, and sorghum was reported by several counties. Herbicides were being applied rice to fields and insecticides to cotton for thrips. There were also reports of strawberry harvest, stringing of tomatoes, and spraying of pecans for insects.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given vaccinations, treated for worms, and were reported in good condition statewide.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				0	0	29	65	6
Planted	87	89	88					
Emerged	77	82	74					
COTTON				0	2	18	72	8
Planted	91	93	90					
Emerged	65	71	63					
RICE				0	1	22	58	19
Planted	93	91	93					
Emerged	74	78	78					
SOYBEANS				0	0	25	69	6
Planted	37	44	35					
Emerged	17	29	19					
CORN				0	1	33	53	13
Planted	98	100	99					
Emerged	90	93	NA					
WHEAT				0	1	18	55	26
Headed	100	100	100					
OATS				0	5	20	47	28
Headed	95	100	99					
ALFALFA				0	2	28	62	8
OTH. HAY				0	1	28	62	9
PASTURE				0	3	29	59	9

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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